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3rd May, 1960.CCCOM Document No. 3978COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONCNPROPOSED UNITED STATES EXPORT OF COBALT METAL TO POLAND25th April, 1960.

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: CCCOM Doc. 3948.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a United States proposal to export to Poland 11,000 pounds of cobalt metal, covered by Item 1648 and valued at \$ 19,250, and invited Delegates to give the views of their Governments.
2. The BELGIAN Delegate stated that his authorities had no objection to this export, but wished to point out that before the last war total Polish requirements in this field amounted to 10 tons per year. It would now appear that this quantity was necessary for the production of magnets alone. In view of the fact that the export under consideration amounted to 5 tons only, or 50% of the Polish annual cobalt requirements for magnets, the Delegate expressed the hope that any similar requests would receive favourable consideration.
3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that his authorities would raise no objection to the export of a material which they had been prepared to delete from the International Lists. He referred however to the comments he had already made as to the shipment of relatively large quantities of raw materials to Poland (CCCOM Doc. 3977 paragraph 4). It was sometimes difficult to justify the difference in the treatment applied to Poland and that applied to other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries.
4. The NETHERLANDS Delegate stated that his authorities subscribed entirely to the views expressed by the United Kingdom Delegate, and would raise no objection.
5. The ITALIAN, JAPANESE and TURKISH Delegates had no objection.
6. The GERMAN Delegate stated that his authorities had been somewhat surprised by this export, especially in view of the previous position adopted by the United States authorities with respect to cobalt. The German authorities had also previously expressed some concern as regards this metal on account of the considerable number of illegal transactions to which it had given rise. While they considered the quantity involved to be large, they would nevertheless agree with the majority and raise no objection. They shared the hope expressed by the Belgian Delegate as to the sympathetic consideration of any similar cases brought before the Committee.
7. The FRENCH Delegate stated that he shared the views expressed by the Belgian and German Delegates. The case under study involved a considerable quantity of a product which the French authorities regarded as important from the strategic point of view. He had, however, been instructed to raise no objection, and likewise hoped that similar requests involving this metal would be favourably received.

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8. The UNITED STATES Delegate thanked Delegations for their favourable views. He stated that United States willingness to license exports under the special Polish policy reflected nothing more than ^{the} belief of United States authorities that the criteria of that policy were satisfied. It emphatically did not reflect a revised view of the strategic nature of cobalt, nor did it indicate anything regarding possible exceptions for other Sino-Soviet Bloc destinations. The United States authorities would of course continue to consider other countries' proposed exports on their merits in terms of the applicable exceptions procedures..

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